

Miscellaneous Resolution # 12028

BY: Commissioners Tim Greimel, District #11; David Potts, District #20; Mattie Hatchett, District #10
RE: **Board of Commissioners – Resolution in Support of Amending HB 5309 to Include Pontiac in Rolling Rapid Transit System**
TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2012, HB 5309, a bill to create a regional transit authority in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties was introduced in the State of Michigan's House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, HB 5309 would empower the regional transit authority to establish a system of rolling rapid transit ("RRT") a/k/a bus rapid transit in all four counties; and

WHEREAS, section 7, subsection (4), of HB 5309 specifies four possible corridors for the initial plans of the RRT system: (1) a Woodward corridor line from downtown Detroit to downtown Birmingham; (2) a Gratiot corridor line from downtown Detroit to downtown Mt. Clemens; (3) a northern cross-county line between the city of Troy and the city of Mt. Clemens; and (4) a western cross-county line between downtown Detroit and Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac is the only county seat that is not explicitly included by HB 5309 in the RRT system;

WHEREAS, the exclusion of the City of Pontiac from the language of HB 5309 makes it more likely that the City of Pontiac will not be initially included in our region's RRT system and that Oakland County will receive less of a return on its taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson supports the inclusion of the City of Pontiac in the initial development of our region's RRT system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the inclusion of the City of Pontiac in the initial development of our region's RRT system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports amending section 7, subsection (4), of HB 5309 as indicated in the attachment to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners requests that the Oakland County Clerk send copies of this resolution, together with the attachment thereto, to all members of the Michigan Legislature and to Governor Rick Snyder.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.


Commissioner Tim Greimel
District 11

Matthew Hatchett

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(4) Subject to available resources, the authority may plan, design, develop, construct, and operate a rolling rapid transit system on at least 4 corridors within the public transit region. The authority, with the approval of the federal transit administration and in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations, shall determine exact routes and station locations. The authority may design routes to augment, complement, enhance, replace, or improve other forms of public transit operating within or on the corridors. Initial plans for a rolling rapid transit system may include all of the following:

(a) A Woodward corridor line to operate along, on, or near Woodward avenue between a location in or near the downtown Detroit station and a location in downtown ~~Birmingham~~ Pontiac in Oakland county. As used in this subsection, "downtown Detroit station" means a location in or near the Campus Martius area of downtown Detroit.

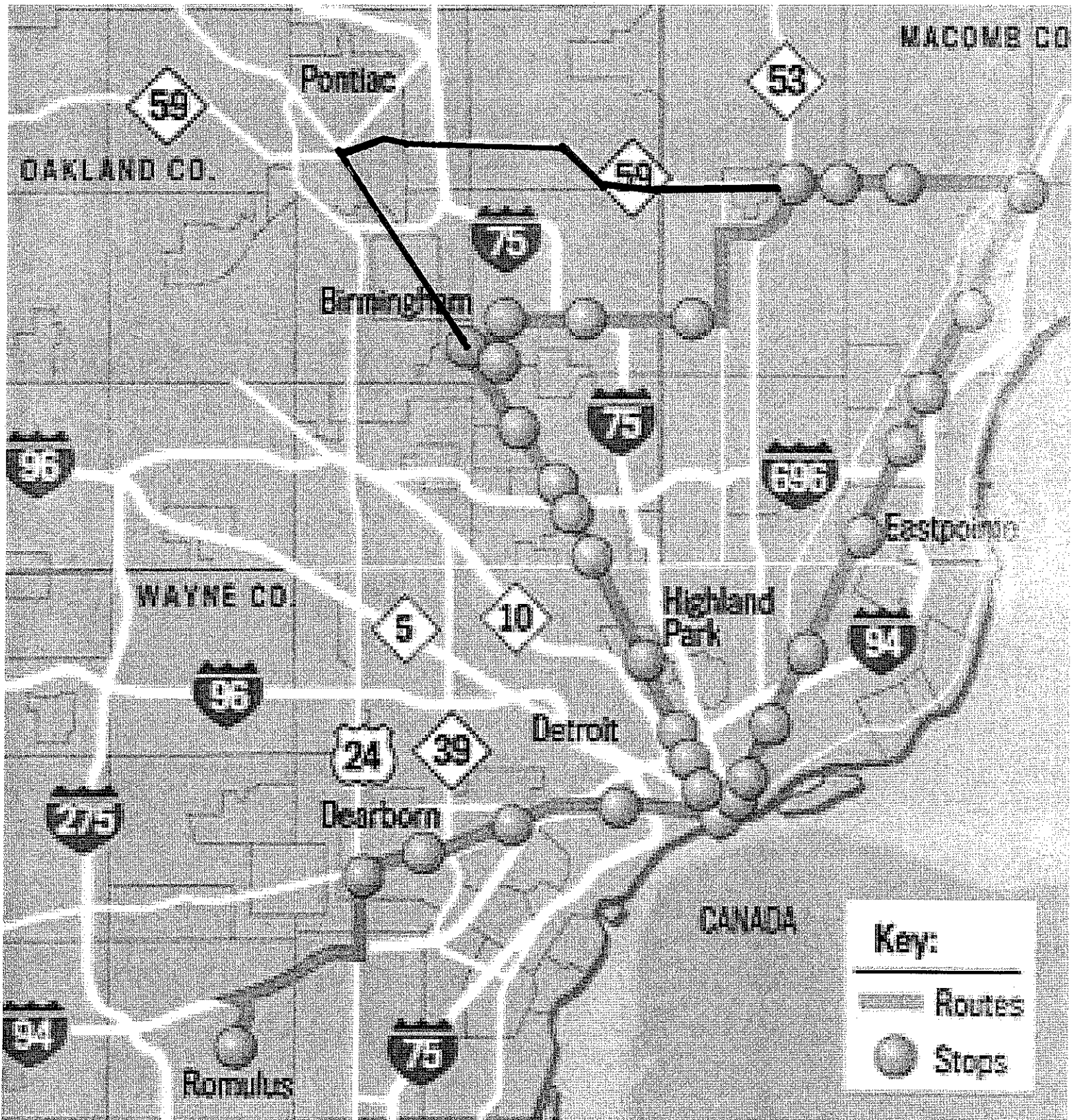
(b) A Gratiot corridor line to operate along, on, or near Gratiot avenue between the downtown Detroit station and a location in downtown Mt. Clemens in Macomb county.

(c) ~~A northern cross-county line~~ to operate between the city of Troy and the city of Mt. Clemens and between the city of Pontiac and the city of Mt. Clemens, using a routes to be determined by the authority. The routes determined by the authority under this subdivision shall have stations along Big Beaver road in the city of Troy and highway M-59 in portions of Oakland and Macomb counties, as well as any additional stations determined by the authority.

(d) A western cross-county line to operate between the downtown Detroit station and the Ann Arbor Blake transit center for a distance of approximately 47 miles. This corridor shall include, at a minimum, stations in the city of Ypsilanti, Detroit Wayne county metropolitan airport, and the city of Dearborn. The authority shall determine the exact route.

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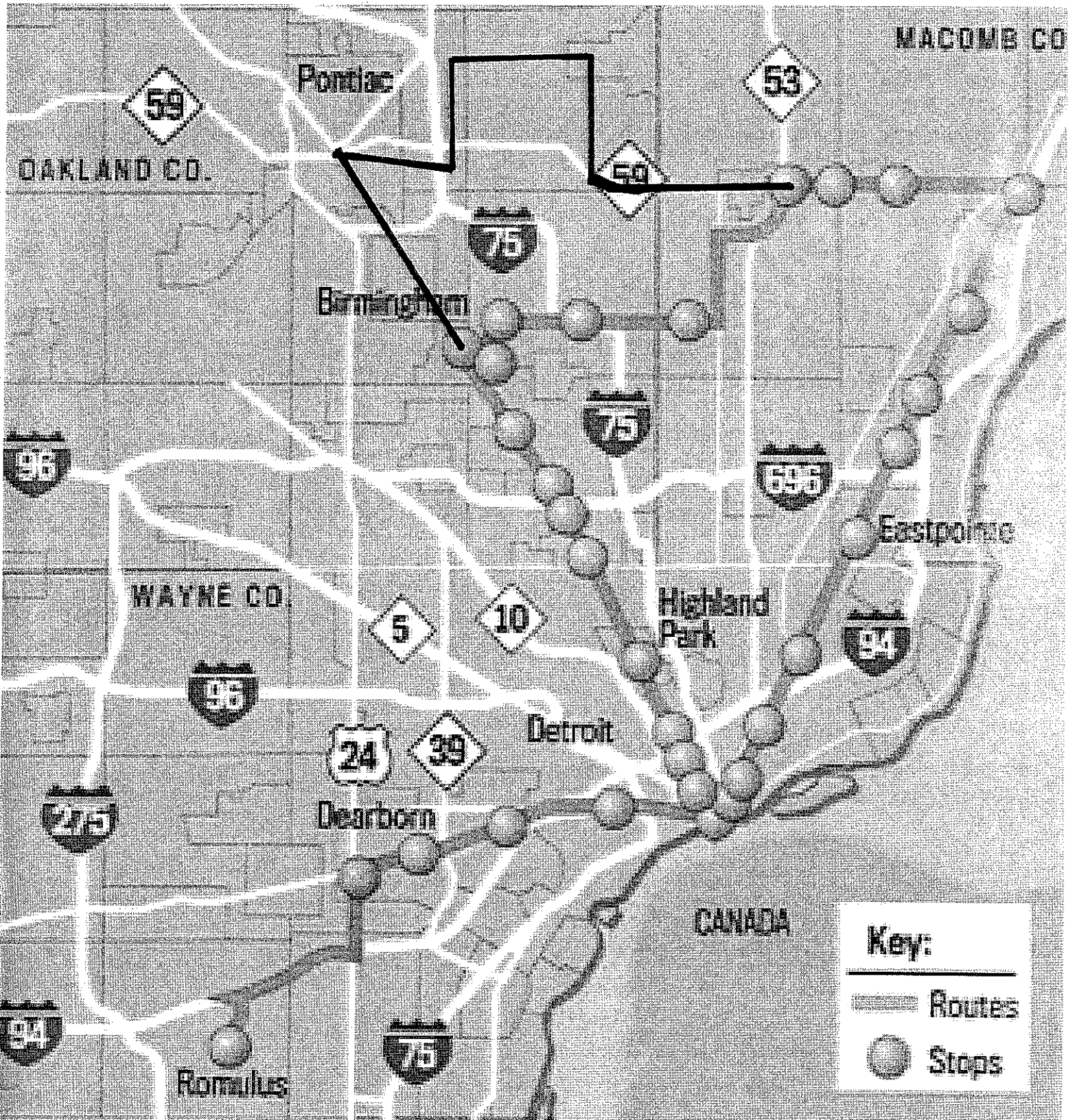


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